

Library Board Meeting Minutes 1/22/07

Present were: Board: Don Barden, Alan Butler, Paige Denison, Denny Redman and Karen Wallin. City of Duvall: Todd Hall and Lara Thompson. Duvall Library: Laura Boyes. Friends of the Library/DCC: Joe Lee Davidson. KCLS: Denise Siers. RiverCurrent News: Reporter Carol Ladwig. Paige called the meeting to order at 1800. Paige read minutes from the previous meeting. There were no changes requested. Minutes approved.

Denise Siers explained the KCLS partnering concept. First she said that KCLS has selected a great architect – creative and practical. She said that nothing is happening right now, however, because KCLS is just beginning the RFP for co-development process. The RFP is being prepared. It will go to a standard distribution list. Potential developers will submit their proposals for co-development concepts and KCLS will pick the winner. Reason for co-development is to promote density in the City core and to save money. KCLS had budgeted for approx. 6% inflation in building costs, but actual inflation has been more like 30%. KCLS has done co-development, but never with private business. Co-development could be part of the library building, or a separate building on the property. It could be almost anything, but no taverns or tattoo parlors.

Don asked about the parameters in the RFP. Denise gave examples of possibilities, but nothing specific for the Duvall Library. Nobody knows anything at this early stage. Don asked more questions, but Todd and Lara, the City Planners, said it is too early to say anything about details. Denise said “We have not developed parameters because we don’t have plans.” Todd the Planner said “The library has the ultimate decision on who partners with the library.”

According to the planners, parking will be a major problem, significantly worse than it is at the current location. At least here folks can park on the street, even a block or two away if need be; at the new location they will be stuck with whatever parking is provided.

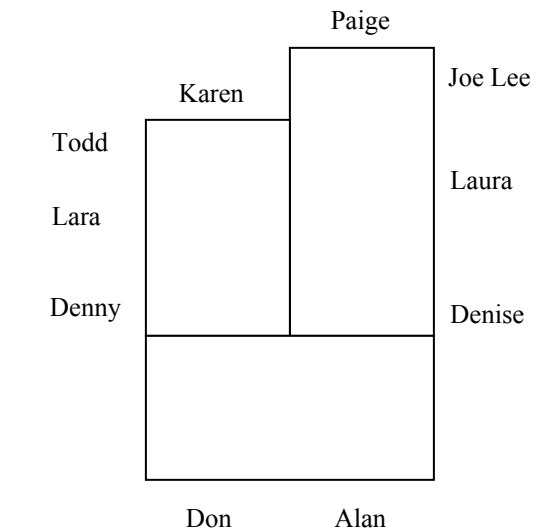
Karen asked about focus of the RFP. It will be published in the Journal of Commerce and online. She got the same answer as when Don asked about parameters of the RFP. KCLS develops the RFP. We get zero input, but we can see it on the web when it is published. KCLS looks at the proposals and picks the winner.

Karen asked how the 30% inflation of building costs is being managed. Denise said that is why KCLS is looking at options for bringing in more money.

Carol (River Current Reporter) asked about the time frame. Denise said that the RFP would come out in a couple months.

Denny asked how RFPs have worked in the past. Denise said this is the first time KCLS has gone out with commercial developers. The possibility of partnering with the City was discussed. Denise said that would be really great, but the timing is too far off. KCLS cannot wait around for the City to get ready to go; too much of the construction funds will be eaten up by inflation. Timing is way off.

Joe Lee asked if there is any way to have an idea of what is being proposed early on. No, there is no way, we were told.



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The City of Duvall wants “mixed-use” development: library, commercial, and residential. Open space is not a big consideration. There will probably be open space somewhere on the property after everything is done and the dust settles. The City wants lots of energy, only with plenty of parking.

The planners had to leave. Denise said Duvall is a good city to work with.

Paige asked if we wanted to discuss any of the old issues on the agenda. Nobody did.

Denise and Laura discussed the American Library Association (ALA) mid-winter meeting in Seattle. This is a national-level meeting. The mid-winter meeting is more of a business meeting, where they typically discuss and plan all the other meetings that will be held over the upcoming year. There were lots of exhibitors, presentations, and other events.

Referring to a recent Seattle Times article, Paige brought up how the library can be a sort of “third place.” A “third place” is a community focal point, where you might want to go when you are not at home or at work. Food in the library was discussed. KCLS thinks that it is OK in the library, and it is probably better than some of what happens when people take the books home. Joe Lee and Don had some more discussion about the concept of “third place.” Denise said that for a while they had thought that all you needed in a library was a computer where people could order books, books on shelves, and a place where people could check out books and another place where they could return books. Now they are thinking that they also need places for people to kick back and read or maybe surf the web, and places for people to have meetings.

Don observed that you have to attain a critical mass to get thriving complementary businesses.

Paige had to leave for another meeting, leaving Don in charge of this meeting.

Denise said that KCLS is switching from “thin clients” back to PCs.

Denny commented that the library should be as green as we can make it. Denise said that KCLS is trying to conform to the green ideal and technology, without going for the unduly burdensome certification procedure.

Laura announced that:

- Ronnie Page is now a Librarian Assistant. Congratulations Ronnie!
- Duvall Library was closed for several days due to hazardous conditions during our recent bad weather (prelude to global warming?).
- There is a new, as yet un-announced Assistant Manager for the Woodinville Library.

Joe Lee’s Report: Nothing new to report.

Denny’s Report: No report.

We adjourned at 2010. Next meeting of the Library Board will be at 1800, February 26, 2007 at the Rose Room of the Duvall Library.

Submitted by Alan Butler